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Shizuoka Prefectural Police

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Safety Notice for Mt. Fuji Climbers in Summer

Mt. Fuji is the highest mountain in Japan (3,776 meter). More than 300,000 people climb in the official climbing season from July to August.

Many Climbers underestimate the hazards of a Mt. Fuji climb and many accidents happen, including the dead and missing cases.

These days, the number of accidents of foreign tourists is increasing because of less information of Mt. Fuji.

Please obey the following 5 precautions for your safe climbing.

1. Make reasonable plan and know your physical condition.

Plan a route that is suitable for the physically weakest or unskilled member of your party. Night-time is highly dangerous. If you suffer from chronic illness, please make sure you can really climb.

2. Climb Mt. Fuji in groups.

Many people died during climbing Mt. Fuji because they were alone and not able to call for rescue.

3. Carry a mobile phone.

A mobile phone is one of the most useful gear for emergency. In case of emergency, call 110 to the police and say you need mountain rescue. Do not forget to carry extra batteries.

4. Check the weather forecast.

In summer the weather in mountain is changeable. If it lightning, descend immediately or go to the nearest hut. Carry enough clothing because the temperature is unpredictable. It can be very cold at the top even in summer.

5. Carry a light on an one-day climb.

No one knows what kind of accidents happen on a mountain. Please wear a headlight or carry a good flashlight even on an one-day climb and take rain gear.

For more details, please check the website of Shizuoka Prefectural Police.

PS. The climbing routes in Mt. Fuji are closed from the beginning of September to the beginning of next July. In September the temperature near the top drops to freezing. It becomes very dangerous to climb even if you carry tools, such as crampon or ice ax. In the past many people have died after getting lost. Do not attempt to climb Mt. Fuji when the routes are closed.